

elementary school students and church-sponsored activities.

Married for almost fifty years to Gerald Harn, who passed away last month, she is the mother of two daughters and a son and the proud grandmother of five. Since coming to Marana, she has been an active member of the Faith Community Church congregation and has volunteered for numerous church-sponsored activities.

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to commend Mrs. Ora Mae Harn for her four decades of tireless service to the town of Marana and wish her well in her retirement, which I suspect won't really be a retirement.

#### TRIBUTE TO ANDREA LEARNED

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 19, 2001*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I, along with my colleague from California, Mr. THOMPSON, wish today to honor Andrea Learned. Back in 1989, when Andrea Learned became executive director of Face to Face, an organization located in Sonoma County that cares for people with AIDS, it was a struggling grassroots organization facing a terrible epidemic that was still very new. Over the next eleven years, Andrea shaped Face to Face into one of the best and most comprehensive AIDS services organizations in the nation. Through her creative leadership, courageous innovations, and simple courage in the face of indifference and fear, she has brought new hope to our community, and most especially to Sonoma County residents and families dealing with AIDS.

Andrea Learned has been an outstanding champion of AIDS services and advocacy, not only in Sonoma County, but nationwide. She has served on both the Sonoma County AIDS Commission and on state and national planning boards, inspiring others with her steadfast commitment and refusal to give up.

Today, guided by 11 years of Andrea's leadership, Face to Face provides case management, benefits counseling, emotional support, transportation to appointments, and advocacy to hundreds of clients. It is vital work that we are proud to support.

At the end of 2000, Andrea Learned retired from Face to Face. Her staff, volunteers, and clients will miss her immensely. Mr. Speaker, today we salute Andrea Learned for her many years of dedicated work for Sonoma County.

CELEBRATING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS METROPOLITAN REGION AND ITS HONOREES, PHILIP CHRISTOPHER AND ELIZABETH KELLY

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the American Jewish Congress Metropolitan Region on the occasion of their annual dinner. I particularly want to recognize its Co-Presidents, Michael Nussbaum and John Heffer, as well as Arthur Flug, the Executive Director, and John Baer and Trudy L. Mason, Chairs of the Executive Committee.

Ever since its inception during World War I, the American Jewish Congress (AJC) has worked tirelessly to serve as a democratic voice of American Jews. Motivated by the need to ensure the creative survival of the Jewish people, deeply cognizant of the Jewish responsibility to participate fully in public life, inspired by Jewish teachings and values, informed by liberal principles, dedicated to an activist and independent role, and committed to making its decisions through democratic processes, AJC has taken an activist role on countless issues.

AJC is an important voice on gun control, reproductive rights, sweatshops, domestic violence, and religious freedom. Members work to advance social and economic justice, women's equality, and human rights at home and abroad. The effort to fight anti-semitism and all other forms of bigotry remains a central focus of AJC. Eight decades after its founding, AJC's dedication to human rights and freedom, to separation of church and state, to the concept of a united Jewish people, to the health and strength of Israel, is as bold, steadfast, and as impassioned as ever.

The Metropolitan Region has been active in working on issues relating to education, most

recently holding forums on charter schools, teacher recruitment, and high stakes testing. The Metropolitan Region also works to promote policies to protect the environment both locally and in Israel. In addition, members work to protect human and civil rights and preserve religious liberty and the separation of church and state.

The Metropolitan Region is honoring two individuals who have been remarkable advocates for freedom. Philip Christopher is the recipient of the Man of the Year Award. Mr. Christopher has been a successful businessman and an energetic advocate for the Greek-American community. As President and CEO of the Audiovox Corporation, he has emerged as a major leader in cellular communications. Despite the pressures of running a major corporation, Mr. Christopher has devoted a great deal of time to public policy and is one of the most prominent proponents of freedom for Cyprus. As a member of the Democratic National Committee Greek American Leadership Council, President of the International Coordinating Committee Justice for Cyprus, President of the Pancyprian Association of America, the Supreme President of the Cyprus Federation of American, and President of the Hellenic American Sports League, Mr. Christopher has brought dynamic leadership and a strong sense of purpose to his efforts to fight for the Greek-American community.

Elizabeth Kelly is the recipient of the Devorah Award. She has been a strong advocate for better health care. Shortly after her arrival in the United States, she founded the Uninsured Irish Foundation to provide health care to uninsured Irish Americans. Today she is President and Chief Executive Officer of New York Network Management LLC and the affiliated Physician Independent Practice Association. In 1996, Ms. Kelly petitioned New York State to grant discounts based on the risk management that could be achieved through her organization. This program set a precedent that allows physician members of Independent Practice Associations to receive malpractice premium discounts for the first time in the history of the State. An advocate for better models for the delivery of health care, Ms. Kelly has been an innovator and a visionary.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the achievements of the American Jewish Congress Metropolitan Region and its honorees, Philip Christopher and Elizabeth Kelly.